

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for screwing sealing caps {(V)} onto containers {(G)}, comprising several closing heads {(2)} revolving on a closed track, each closing head {(2)} having a gripping tong {(3)} which can be moved on and off in a controlled manner, each gripping tong {(3)} having a control unit {(4)} allocated thereto and to revolve therewith, each control unit movable relative to the closed track {(K)} between an opening position opening the gripping tong {(3)} and a closed position closing the gripping tong {(3)}, each control unit having a cam which rotates relative to a rotor wherein the cam is coupled to a push rod that is displaced by the cam to activate the gripping tong, and the control unit {(4)} being operable to change direction ~~[by stationary stops (5, 6)]~~ between the opening position and the closed position by one or more stationary stops.

2. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of or both the closed position and the opening position of the control units {(4)} is stabilized in a self-limiting manner.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim {3} 1, wherein every control unit {(4)} has an angle lever {(9)} non-rotatably connected with the cam {(7)}, which lever cooperates with the stationary stops {(5, 6)}.

5. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim {3} 1, wherein the rotational axis of the cam {(7)} and the longitudinal axis of the push rod {(8)} are positioned in parallel with ~~the~~ a rotational axis {(D)} of the rotor {(1)}, and the cam {(7)} is constructed as a spatial curve.

6. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the one or more stationary stops (5', 6') have curved parts (~~42, 43~~) proceeding obliquely to the closed track (~~K~~) of the closing heads (~~2~~).

7. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the control units (~~4~~) are provided with rollers (~~39~~) which scan the curved parts (~~42, 43~~).